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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A method for identifying a multimer that binds to a target molecule, the method comprising,

- providing a library of polypeptides, the polypeptides comprising different monomer domains, wherein the monomer domains have 30-100 amino acids;
- screening the library of polypeptides for affinity to a target molecule;
- identifying at least a first polypeptide comprising a first monomer domain that specifically binds to a ~~at least one~~ target molecule;
- linking the first monomer domain to a plurality of different monomer domains to form a library of different multimers, the multimers comprising the first monomer domain and one of the plurality of different monomer domains;
- screening the library of multimers for the ability to bind to the target molecule;
- and
- identifying a multimer that specifically binds to the target molecule, wherein the multimer comprises the first monomer domain and a second monomer domain.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the monomer domains comprise at least two disulfide bonds.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the monomer domains comprise six cysteines.

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28. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the identified multimer has an increased affinity for the target molecule compared to the affinity of the ~~than~~ that first monomer domain alone for the target molecule.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the target molecule is a protein.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the library of polypeptides is encoded by a library of polynucleotides and the library of polynucleotides is expressed to produce the library of polypeptides.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the library of polypeptides comprise at least 100 different polypeptides, each of the 100 different polypeptides comprising a different monomer domain having between 30-100 amino acids.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein each of the 100 different polypeptides comprise a different LDL receptor A domain variant.

33. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
linking the identified multimer to a plurality of different monomer domains to form a library of trimers, each trimer comprising the first monomer domain and the second monomer domain of the identified multimer and one of the plurality of different monomer domains;

screening the library of trimers for the ability to bind to the target molecule; and
identifying a trimer that specifically binds to the target molecule.

34. (Previously presented) A library of multimers of domains, the library comprising a plurality of different multimers, wherein the multimers comprise two monomer domains, wherein a first monomer domain is the same between different multimers and a second monomer domain is different between different multimers, and wherein the monomer domains have 30-100 amino acids.

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35. (Previously presented) The library of claim 34, wherein the monomer domains comprise at least two disulfide bonds.

36. (Previously presented) The library of claim 34, wherein the monomer domains comprise six cysteines.

37. (Previously presented) The library of claim 34, wherein the library is created by the first four steps of claim 25.

38. (Previously presented) The library of claim 34, wherein the library comprises at least 100 different multimers.

39. (Previously presented) The library of claim 38, wherein each of the 100 different multimers comprise different LDL receptor A domain variants.

40. (Previously presented) The library of claim 34, wherein the different multimers comprise three monomer domains, wherein two monomer domains are the same between multimers in the library and a third monomer domain is different between multimers.

41. (Previously presented) A library of different polynucleotides encoding the plurality of different multimers of claim 34.